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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities

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Newark, NJ 07102

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WATER AND WASTEWATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PINELANDS)
WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN)
INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE,)
A CHANGE IN DEPRECIATION RATES AND OTHER)
TARIFF CHANGES)

ORDER SUSPENDING
INCREASES, CHANGES
OR ALTERATIONS IN
RATES FOR SERVICE

DOCKET NO. WR03121016

(Service List Attached)

BY THE BOARD:

On December 30, 2003, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Pinelands Water Company, a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and serving approximately 2,341 customers within the communities known as Hampton Lakes and LeisureTowne in Southampton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, filed a petition for a revision of its rates for water service, amounting to an overall increase of approximately \$98,268 or 19.80% in annual revenues. The increase in rates was proposed to become effective on February 15, 2004. The Petitioner does not seek interim relief pending final determination on said petition.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

(1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until June 15, 2004, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;

(2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, N.J. 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and

(3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with this Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks to the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: **211/04**

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